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HOUSE RESOLUTION 36
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A RESOLUTION To express support for the American Heart Association's designation of April 28, 2001 as National CPR Day and for its National CPR Weekend and Operation Heartbeat initiative.

WHEREAS, Nearly 700 Americans die each day of sudden cardiac arrest, and 220,000 die each year; and

WHEREAS, Ninety-five percent of those who suffer cardiac arrest die before they reach the hospital; and

WHEREAS, Progress in improving the survival rate for sudden cardiac arrest is lagging behind the survival rate for nearly all other types of cardiovascular disease; and

WHEREAS, The American Heart Association is the world's largest voluntary, not-for-profit health organization with a mission to decrease disability and death from heart disease, stroke, and other cardiovascular diseases that annually kill nearly one million Americans; and

WHEREAS, The American Heart Association believes the survival rate for sudden cardiac arrest can be improved to twenty percent or higher and as many as 50,000 lives can be saved each year, if the chain of survival is strengthened; and

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WHEREAS, The four links in the cardiac arrest chain of survival are early access to the Emergency Medical Services system, early Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR), early defibrillation and early advanced medical care; and

WHEREAS, The American Heart Association emphasizes that every link in the chain of survival is critically important and can increase the prospects for survival; and

WHEREAS, The American Heart Association has launched its Operation Heartbeat program to create public awareness of the need to strengthen every link in the sudden cardiac arrest chain of survival; and

WHEREAS, The American Heart Association has designated Saturday, April 28, 2001 as National CPR Day throughout Tennessee and the United States, in an effort to increase the number of lay people trained in Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation; and

WHEREAS, The American Heart Association plans to train over 5,000 Tennesseans in CPR on April 28th, with mass training locations in Nashville, Columbia, Murfreesboro, Springfield, Gallatin, Cookeville, Memphis, Knoxville, Chattanooga, Johnson City, Bristol, Kingsport, Greeneville, Lenoir City and Jackson; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That this General Assembly supports the American Heart Association's efforts to strengthen the chain of survival and improve the sudden cardiac arrest survival rate through its National CPR Weekend and its Operation Heartbeat initiative.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.